

1st Nephi 2

¹for behold it came to pass that the Lord spake unto my father
yea even in a dream & sayeth unto him

blessed art thou Lehi because of the things which thou hast done
& because thou hast been faithful

& declared unto this people the things which I commanded thee
behold they seek to take away thy life

²& it came to pass that the Lord commanded my father even in a dream ¹
that he should take his family & depart into the wilderness

³& it came to pass that he was obedient unto the word of the Lord
wherefore he did as the Lord commanded him

⁴& it came to pass that he departed into the wilderness
& he left his house & the land of his inheritance
& his gold & his silver & his precious things
& took nothing with him save it were his family & provisions & tents
& he departed into the wilderness

⁵& he came down by the borders near the shores of the Red Sea
& he traveled in the wilderness in the borders which was nearer the Red Sea
& he *did* travel^d in the wilderness with his family
which consisted of my mother Sariah & my elder Brethren
which were Laman Lemuel & Sam

⁶& it came to pass that when he had traveled three days in the wilderness
he pitched his tent in a valley beside a river of water

⁷& it came to pass that he built an altar of stones
& he made an offering unto the Lord & gave thanks unto the Lord our God

⁸& it came to pass that he called the name of the River Laman
& it emptied into the Red Sea
& the valley was in the borders near the mouth thereof

⁹& when my father saw that the waters of the River
emptied into the fountain of the Red sea
he spake unto Laman saying

O that thou ~~might~~ mightest be like unto this River
continually ~~run~~ running into ^{the fountain of} all righteousness

¹⁰& he also spake unto Lemuel saying
O that thou mightest be like unto this valley
firm & steadfast & immovable in keeping the commandments of the Lord

¹ OM Header = er his Brethren the

¹¹now this he spake because of the stiffneckedness of Laman & Lemuel
for behold they did murmur in many things against their father
because that he was a visionary man
& that he had lead them out of the land of Jerusalem
to leave the land of their inheritance
& their gold & their silver & their precious things
& to perish in the wilderness
& this they said he had done
because of the foolish imaginations of his heart

¹²& thus Laman & Lemuel being the eldest
did murmur against their father
& they did murmur because they knew not
the dealings of that God who had created them

¹³neither did they believe that Jerusalem that great City
could be destroyed according to the words of the prophets
& they were like unto the Jews which were at Jerusalem
which sought to take away the life of my father

¹⁴& it came to pass that my father did speak unto them
in the valley of Lemuel with power being filled with the spirit
until their frames did shake before him
& he did confound them that they durst not utter against him
wherefore they did do as he commanded them

¹⁵& my father dwelt in a tent

¹⁶& it came to pass that I Nephi being exceeding young
nevertheless being large in stature
& also having great desires to know of the mysteries of God
wherefore I cried unto the Lord
& behold he did visit me & did soften my heart
that I did believe all the words which had been spoken by my father
wherefore I did not rebel against him like unto my Brothers

¹⁷& I spake unto Sam making known unto him the things
which the Lord had manifested unto me by his Holy spirit
& it came to pass that he believed in my words

¹⁸but behold Laman & Lemuel would not hearken unto my words
& being grieved because of the hardness of their hearts
I cried unto the Lord for them

¹⁹& it came to pass that the Lord spake unto me saying
blessed art thou Nephi because of thy faith
for thou hast sought me diligently with lowliness of heart

²⁰& in as much as ye shall keep my commandments
ye shall prosper & shall be led to a land of promise
yea even a land which I have prepared for you
yea a land which is choice above all other lands

²¹& in as much as thy Brethren shall rebell against the^e
they shall be cut off from the presance of the Lord

²²& in as much as thou shalt keep my commandments
thou shalt be made a ruler & a teacher over thy Brethren

²³for behold in that day that they shall rebell against me
I will curse them even with a sore curse
& they shall have no power over thy seed
except they shall ~~re~~² rebell against me also

²⁴& if it so be that they rebell against me
they shall be a Scourge unto thy seed
to stir them up in the ways of remembrance

² OM Header = Nephi goeth up to jerusalem to bring the ^{Records} of the jews